HOMEGOING CELEBRATION

OF

LOIS RUTH DAVIS

Born: November 3, 1925 Departed: March 4, 1993



Services:

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1993

11:00 A.M.

CENTER OF HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

8411 MacArthur Blvd.
Oakland, California

OFFICIATING:

PASTOR ELMER E. CLEVELAND, JR.
Los Angeles, California

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ORDER OF SERVICE

HER STORY

LOIS, THE PIE QUEEN

"LOIS, THE MOTHER"

Long suffering

Great victories come, not through ease but by
fighting valiantly and meeting hardships bravely

If you can't have the best of everything,
make the best of everything you have.

Patience is the finest and worthiest part of fortitude.

We can do any thing we want to if we stick to it long enough.
If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.

The secret of success is constancy to purpose.

People do not fail; they give up trying.

The grinding that would wear away to nothing a lesser stone,
merely serves to give luster to a diamond.

Whosoever will save his life shall lose it:
and whosoever shall lose his life for My sake shall find it.

It is easier to be critical than correct.

The secret of success is hard work.

He conquers who endures.

Let those who suffer according to the will of God
commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing,
as unto a faithful Creator.

As threshing separates the wheat from the chaff,
so does affliction purify virtue.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Idleness is the burial of a living person.

Recreation is not being idle; it is easing the wearied part by change
of occupation.

The clock of life is would but once, And no man has the
power to tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.
Now is the only time you own:
Live, love, toil with a will,
Place no faith in tomorrow;
For the clock may then be still.

The virtue lies in the struggle, not in the prize.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ORDER OF SERVICE

HER STORY

LOIS, THE PIE QUEEN

"LOIS, THE MOTHER"



Jamie, Trystan, Chris, Lois, Tramaine and Roland

LOIS WAS THE ELDEST OF NINE CHILDREN AND LEARNED TO COOK AT AN EARLY AGE. HER MOTHER, MATHILDA CLEVELAND TAUGHT LOIS TO COOK MANY THINGS, BUT IN PARTICULAR HOW TO BAKE PIES. SHE AND HER MOTHER WERE OFTEN CALLED UPON BY HER FATHER, BISHOP E. E. CLEVELAND, TO BAKE PIES FOR FUND-RAISERS.

AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, SHE BEGAN WORKING FOR A MRS. HOWARD IN HER CATERING BUSINESS. SHE AND LATER HER SISTER BERNICE, WORKED TOGETHER MAKING 2000 - 3000 SANDWICHES A DAY. THEIR DAYS WERE OFTEN LONG--FROM 6AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT SINCE AFTER PREPARING THE SANDWICHES THEY WOULD ALSO SERVE THEM AT VARIOUS PARTIES AND FUNCTIONS.

ON DECEMBER 1, 1951, WITH FAMILY SUPPORT, SHE AND HER HUSBAND, ROLAND, A COOK HIMSELF IN A SAN FRANCISCO RESTAURANT, OPENED THEIR FIRST RESTAURANT ON SACRAMENTO STREET IN BERKELEY. HAVING BEEN KNOWN FOR HER DELICIOUS PIES THROUGHOUT HER CHURCH COMMUNITY, HER HUSBAND NAMED HER AND THE RESTAURANT " LOIS THE PIE QUEEN". HER SPECIALITIES AT THIS TIME WERE SHORT RIBS, CANDIED YAMS, CORNBREAD MUFFINS, BLACK-EYED PEAS, HOT CAKES AND OMELETTES, AS WELL AS PEACH COBBLER AND HER SOON TO BE FAMOUS SWEET POTATO PIES.

AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS ON SACRAMENTO STREET, THEY OPENED A SECOND RESTAURANT ON ADELINE. BECAUSE OF THE LOVE SHE PUT INTO HER COOKING, WORD SPREAD RAPIDLY AND THE RESTAURANT BECAME AN ENORMOUS SUCCESS. AFTER SIX YEARS AT THIS LOCATION, SHE MOVED TO HER PRESENT LOCATION AT 60TH AND ADELINE, AT WHICH TIME SHE ADDED HER BUTTERMILK BISCUITS TO THE MENU. OVER THE PAST FORTY-TWO YEARS LOIS' RESTAURANTS HAVE SERVED FOOD THAT WARMS THE SOUL AND NURTURES THE SPIRIT AND THIS FACT WILL INSURE THAT HER LEGENDARY TRADTION WILL LAST. SHE HAS SERVED POLITICIANS, SPORTS FIGURES, MOVIE AND TELEVISION STARS, ENTERTAINERS, AND RELIGIOUS AND CIVIC LEADERS. SHE WAS LOVED BY CELEBRITIES (BECAUSE SHE TREATED THEM LIKE COMMONERS) AND COMMONERS (BECAUSE SHE TREATED THEM LIKE CELEBRITIES).

SHE HAS RECEIVED COUNTLESS WRITE-UPS IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE OAKLAND TRIBUNE, THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, THE EASTBAY EXPRESS, ALONG WITH OUTSTANDING BUSINESS AWARDS,

FEATURES ON "EVENING MAGAZINE", "BEST OF THE BAY", "PEOPLE ARE TALKING", AND A CHANNEL 2 FOOD SPECIAL. ALONG WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENDATIONS FROM THE MAYOR OF OAKLAND, THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL, CONGRESSMAN RON DELLUMS, AND COUNCILMAN JOHN GEORGE, THE CITY OF OAKLAND DESIGNATED DECEMBER 1, 1989, "LOIS THE PIE QUEEN DAY".

OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS LOIS HAS TRAINED HER SON AND HIS STAFF IN HER TRADITION WHICH PLACES THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON THE QUALITY OF PRODUCT AND SERVICE. SHE HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION AND ROLE MODEL TO COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF PEOPLE AS WELL AS HAVING MANY CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE BEEN WITH HER FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS. SHE HAS BEEN "MOM" TO HUNDREDS BECAUSE HER PLACE IS ALWAYS A PLACE TO COME HOME TO.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ORDER OF SERVICE

HER STORY

LOIS, THE PIE QUEEN

HER STORY

Lois Ruth Cleveland-Davis was born in Edna, Oklahoma on November 3, 1925, to Elmer Elisha Cleveland and the late Mathilda Cleveland. She was the oldest of nine children born to this union: two preceding her in death, a sister, Nettie Mae and a brother, Alpha Lee. She received her formal education in California and graduated from Richmond Union High School, in Richmond, California.

She was nurtured and grew up in a loving, deeply religious Christian environment where she developed a profound and abiding faith in God. She received Christ as her personal savior and was baptized with the Holy Ghost at age 14.

Lois was very active in church. God blessed her with a gift which she used in a 'ministry of song.' She traveled across the country with her father, singing praises to God as he preached the Gospel at many revivals. She was known as, 'The Songbird of the East Bay.' She was very popular as a lead singer in the choir of Immanuel Church of God in Christ. The night she gave birth to her daughter, Tramaine, she sang on her father's radio broadcast.

Lois' ministry in the Center of Hope was a blessing to all who met and knew her. She was faithful, prayerful and a role-model of a Christian woman.

She was a blessing and a mighty strength in the family. She was an incredibly strong woman who had concern for everyone. She helped her sisters and brothers, providing financial support and encouragement to her brother, John throughout his undergraduate and graduate degree pursuits. She provided a home for her parents. Her love for the children and grandchildren was immeasurable. There was nothing, absolutely nothing, that she wouldn't do for them. Her grandchildren were truly 'the apple of her eyes.'

Like her mother, Mathilda, Lois had tremendous culinary skills. She combined those skills with the wisdom of entrepreneurship, a great love for people and God, and created a ministry of hospitality known all over the country as, "Lois, The Pie Queen." She opened her first restaurant in 1951 on Sacramento Street in Berkeley, California. She was known far and wide for 'home-cooked meals', especially hotcakes, short ribs,

potato pies and peach cobbler. Her then husband, Roland Davis gave the restaurant its name because of his admiration of her distinct ebony hue and regal grace. Lois owned and operated two restaurants prior to the present 60th and Adeline Streets location.

Dining at 'Lois, The Pie Queen' was a unique experience. People from all walks of life: dignitaries, business, professionals, athletes and neighborhood people blended together for home cooked meals. She treated them all the same — as Kings and Queens — equal in the sight of God. They were not customers but 'her friends' who came to visit. Reggie Jackson of baseball fame while with the Oakland Athletics loved the pork chops, eggs and biscuit dish so much that he adopted her as his mother. She, in turn, added the 'Reggie Jackson Special' as an item on her daily menu. Their lives are tightly entwined in the pages of East Bay history.

Lois was a giver and truly loved people! The impact of her life will live on forever in the East Bay community. She fed the hungry! She encouraged the despondent! She was committed to her community and created jobs for many young people!

Lois was a lover of life!

Lois leaves to cherish her memory her beloved son, Chris R.D. Davis, and his family members, Genevieve, Joyce, Tomi, Dinar, Margot and Annie; her beloved daughter, Tramaine A. Hawkins; son-in-law, Bishop Walter L. Hawkins; two children, Walter L. Hawkins, Jr. ("Jamie") and Trystan Lynette Hawkins, all of Oakland, California; three sisters, Bernice Brazil and Ernestine C. Reems of Oakland, California; and Vivyene ("Billie") Cleveland of Los Angeles, California; three brothers, Elmer Elisha Cleveland, Jr. of Los Angeles, California; John Louis Cleveland and Chester Millard Cleveland of Oakland, California; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Love encircles life and encloses time and space. Love reaches into eternity. Death is not the end for those who love the Lord! We know that our loved one, Lois, is in Heaven with God!

We praise and thank God for her beautiful life!!!

LOIS RUTH DAVIS

HOMEGOING SERVICES

Master of Ceremonies/Mistress of Ceremonies
Pastor Roderick R. Caesar, Jr. and Evangelist Christine Liddell

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Ms. Dana Robinson

PROCESSIONAL ..... Bishop Marshall Q.C. Simmons

PRAYER ..... Pastor Jerold Ford

SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT - *Psalms 23* ..... Evangelist Alvin Rodgers
NEW TESTAMENT - *St. John 14:1-3*
I Corinthians 15:51-57 ..... Pastor Tom Harris

SELECTIONS ..... Center of Hope Sanctuary Choir

"I'm Not The Same"
"Let Everything That Hath Breath Praise The Lord"

EXPRESSIONS (2 TO 5 minutes) ..... Mr. Michael Ringbom
Mr. Leo Williams
Ms. Genevieve Trudell
Mr. Warren Wilson
Dr. Louis Davis
Mr. Gus Newport

SPECIAL EXPRESSION BY OAKLAND MAYOR ..... Honorable Elihu Harris

SELECTION ..... Najee

RESOLUTION ..... Ms. Angel Wiley

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT ..... Mrs. Shirlene Hall-McCoy

SELECTION ..... Bishop Walter L. Hawkins and Mr. Edwin Hawkins
"Beams of Heaven"

REFLECTIONS ..... Ms. Trystan Hawkins
(Granddaughter)

SELECTIONS ..... Love Center Choirs
"Is There Any Way?"
"It Shall Be Done"

EXPRESSIONS *(2 TO 5 minutes)* ..... Mr. Guy Draper
(Representative for Ms. Dionne Warrick)
Mrs. Nancy Wilson
Mrs. Paula Johnson
(Representative for Mother Davenport - Lois' Neighbor for 38 years)

DANCE SELECTION ..... Ms. Vanessa Rochelle McGautha

"HER STORY" ..... Dr. Ernestine C. Reems

SPECIAL SELECTION ..... "I Love Him"
(Lois' Favorite Song)

TRIBUTE ..... Mr. Brian Reems

EXPRESSIONS *(2 minutes)* ..... Dearn Herma Ross
Reverend Frank Wilson
Bishop Marshall Q.C. Simmons

SELECTION ..... Mother Shirley Miller
"God Knows Best"

EULOGY ..... Pastor E.E. Cleveland, Jr.
Ephesian Church - Los Angeles, California

SELECTION .....Combined Choirs
"Give God Praise"

RECESSIONAL

- INTERMENT -
Chapel of the Chimes
Oakland, California

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE MASTER'S BOUQUET

The Master walked in His garden,
Plucking flowers along the way;
He plucked one of my loved ones,
To add to His bouquet

My heart at first was broken,
At the loss of one so dear;
But the tears I shed just washed my eyes,
So I saw His way more clear.

My Lord has a need for just this one,
For the pattern He has in mind;
But it's hard for the rest of us to see
Why we must be left behind.

Perhaps we are not ready to go just yet,
We may need to ripen more,
To reach the full grown fragrance,
My Lord is waiting for.

We each give forth a fragrance,
To each we chance to meet,
We should be each trying day by day,
To make our fragrance sweet.

So I am going to try my very best
To be loving and kind each day,
So at last I'll be worthy
To be part of my Master's bouquet.

The family wishes to thank you for your prayers, warm wishes and support.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Each lovely card, each comforting word,
Each visit to our grieved abode,
Each lovely flower, each gracious prayer
To all who now our burdens share,
Accept our thanks and gratitude,
And may we say as well,
Your kindness meant far more to us
Than we can ever tell.

FROM ALL OF US

The Family wishes to thank Tramaine for the very special care of her mother during the time of her illness. Tramaine, we love and appreciate you.

The Family

PALLBEARERS

Kurt Durham
Carlos Rocha
Miguel Rocha
Bernie Negrosa
Dennis Ball
Isai Umanzor

Bessie Durham
(Lois' Best Friend)

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Michael Hammerquist
Arthur Jackson
Raymond McMurray
Michael Ochoa-Hughes
Michael Ringbom
Leo Williams



Paul, Ernestine, Lois and Tramaine

ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO

FOUCHE'S HUDSON FUNERAL HOME

3665 Telegraph Avenue
Oakland, California 94609
Telephone (510) 654-8558

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A FOUNDATION HAS BEEN
ESTABLISHED
IN THE NAME OF

"LOIS, THE PIE QUEEN"

FOR YOUNG,
BLACK ENTREPRENEURS.

CONTRIBUTIONS
CAN BE SENT TO:

LOIS, THE PIE QUEEN
851 - 60th STREET
OAKLAND, CA 94608